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Convention Program Spotlights Pioneers

Marriott Hotel in New Orleans, site of annual meeting.

Pioneers and other Independent telephone delegates will convene in New Orleans Oct. 5 through 7, with ITPA and its annual meeting scheduled for a prime-time position that will give the Pioneering message new exposure and prestige.

As in past years, the annual conventions of ITPA and USITA will be held in conjunction with each other, this time at the Marriott Hotel in New Orleans.

Also as in past years, ITPA will sponsor excellent city tours Monday and Tuesday mornings, and will hold an awards luncheon Tuesday.

But this year the ITPA annual meeting has been changed. It has been held in the past as a breakfast session, a time not designed to attract a large audience of sleepy conventioneers.

So this year the Pioneers asked USITA for a better spot on the convention program, one that would attract more members and make ITPA more visible to other USITA delegates.

USITA was happy to oblige, and the ITPA annual meeting is now scheduled for 10:20 a.m. Tuesday, immediately after the USITA Executives' Seminar. The ITPA meeting thus becomes part of the main USITA program, with all convention delegates encouraged to attend, whether or not they belong to the Pioneers. At the meeting, ITPA national directors will be elected for the coming year.

Two outstanding industry leaders have accepted invitations to speak at the ITPA meeting.

Joe O. Healey, executive director for Telephone Pioneers of America, will discuss the role, activities and participation of Bell System management and employees in Pioneer activities. Mr. Healey, of New York, will describe the mutual goals and achievements of Independent and Bell System Pioneers.

Alfred J. Barran, recently retired group vice president, western region, for GTE Service Corporation, will talk about the benefits of Pioneering to the members, the communities in which they live, and the companies that employ them. Mr. Barran was president of General Telephone Company of the Northwest in Everett, Wash., before his promotion to group vice president and subsequent retirement.

The annual meeting also will feature presentation of community service awards.

Inductions into the Pioneer Hall of Fame will be held at the ITPA Awards Luncheon at noon Tuesday, just after the ITPA annual meeting. In addition, again this year Elgin Electronics in cooperation with ITPA will present $2,500 to a charity designated by the holder of the winning ticket drawn at the luncheon.

Airline Discount Offered

USITA has arranged a special discount of 25 percent on regular roundtrip coach air fare, and ITPA members are eligible to use it. Flights must be on Delta Air Lines, and

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Call for ITPA Annual Meeting

At the direction of the Board of Directors, notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Independent Telephone Pioneer Association will be held at 10:20 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 6, 1981, at the Marriott Hotel, New Orleans, La.

Sept. 1, 1981 Mary Lee, Secretary

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can be reserved only by dialing a special toll-free number, (800) 241-6760, or, in Georgia, (800) 282-8536. Lines are open between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays. When you call, say that you are reserving flights to the USITA convention. Your travel agent can get the discount for you, but only by dialing the same 800 numbers.

All convention events will be held at the New Orleans Marriott, but a block of rooms is also being held for convention delegates at The Monteleone. Reservation and registration forms were included in the July issue of The PIONEER.

Festive Tours of New Orleans

On Monday morning, Oct. 5, ITPA will sponsor a tour of the lovely garden district of New Orleans, followed by a trip to Longue Vue, one of America's most exquisite city estates, with gardens throughout the eight acres.

On Tuesday morning, another tour sponsored by ITPA will provide a presentation on the history, meaning and future of Mardi Gras. Delegates will be taken to the facility where craftsmen work year round to make the fabulous floats that are used in the annual Mardi Gras parades. Those on the tour will meet and hear from Blaine Kern, who is recognized as Mr. Mardi Gras and is considered one of the foremost float designers in the world. Both tours start at 8:30 a.m. and return after 11 a.m.

Registration desks open at the Marriott at 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 4. The ITPA Board of Directors will hold its reception and dinner at 7 p.m. Sunday, in La Galarie 3 on the Marriott's second floor. The ITPA board also will meet Monday at 1:30 p.m., in the same room, and will hold a breakfast meeting Wednesday at 7:30 a.m., also in La Galerie 3, when officers will be elected.

The USITA convention opens its first general session at 9 a.m. Monday, with the keynote speech given by Robert P. Reuss, chairman of Central Telephone and Utilities Corp. FCC Chairman Mark S. Fowler also will be a featured speaker that morning.

For the first time since equipment exhibits were split off from the annual USITA convention, new systems and services will be demonstrated. "Hands on" demonstrations will be given Monday and Tuesday afternoons of cellular mobile radio service, videotext, and infrared sensing devices for maintenance.

Programs for spouses, to be held in the hospitality room during convention sessions, will include one on body language and its interpretation, and another on the Independent telephone industry. A third spouses' program was still being arranged when this issue went to press.

By-Laws Change Concerning Spouses To Be Voted on at Convention

A modification to ITPA's By-Laws will be voted on at the association's annual convention in New Orleans next month.

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The change, which affects Article IV, Section 5, of the By-Laws, was approved by the Board of Directors on April 29. The language follows, with new wording in boldface type:

"....Spouses of deceased ITPA members who were not Auxiliary members when their spouses died may join as Auxiliary members by paying the annual dues as billed. Spouses of **deceased** Retired or Life members who are Auxiliary members **at the time of death of their spouses** may assume the same Retired status as their spouses and become non-paying members. The National ITPA must be so notified."

There's Some History in Industry Nicknames

By Ray Blain
Chairman of ITPA's Historical Committee

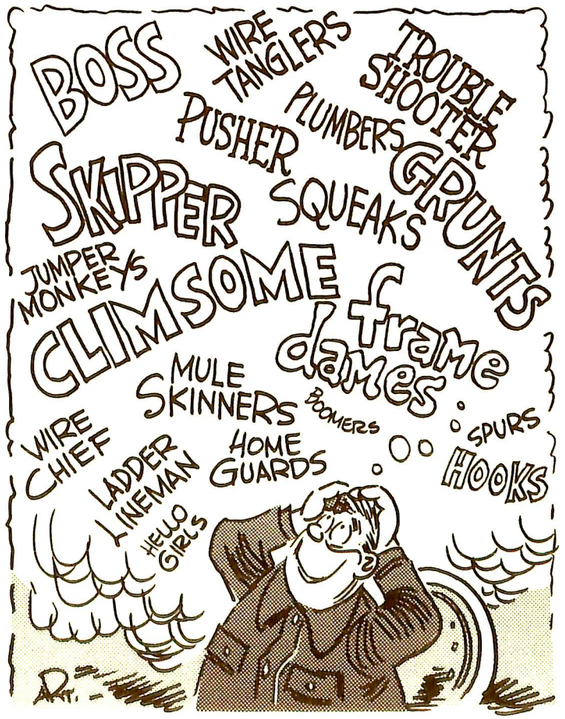
In the early days of the industry, nicknames for various telephone workers were often amusing. For example, the foreman on a construction gang was never referred to as a supervisor, but as the "Boss," "Pusher" or "Skipper." The foreman's assistant was a "Straw Boss." It is not known how this title originated. At any rate, it can be assumed that he was being compared to a scare crow—often consisting of men's clothing stuffed with straw.

A lineman was known as a "Clim Some." This was believed to have originated when a young man applied for a job with a telephone company and when asked if he was a lineman, he replied: "Well, I've clim some."

A troubleman was a "Trouble Shooter"—a term still in limited use in some areas today. Groundmen were "Grunts" or "Squeaks" and cable splicers "Wire Tanglers" or "Plumbers," the latter because in the old lead-sheathed cable days splicers wiped joints with hot lead in the same way as plumbers did on lead water pipes.

Main frame workers were known as "Jumper Monkeys." Nowadays when women work on main frames they are called "Frame Dames." Operators were "Plug Shooters" or "Hello Girls."

Men who drove mule teams on construction jobs were "Mule Skinners." The title "Wire Chief" or "Plant Chief," extensively used in the old days, is seldom heard today. The steady workers were known as "Home Guards" by the "Boomers," who were transient linemen who were hired temporarily because they worked south in the fall and north in the spring.



Climbers were known as "Hooks" or "Spurs." When a lineman fell off a pole—as they all did occasionally—it was considered a big joke, and everyone laughed and yelled "Get a Ladder." To call a man a "Ladder Lineman" at that time was asking for a fight.

Telephone humor has changed greatly over the years, or perhaps present-day workers are too busy to have fun. For example, in the old manual days the test board in the Walnut exchange in Des Moines, Iowa, was Walnut 2000. A local trouble shooter by the name of McGaffey drove the operators mad by asking for two-oh-ought-nothing with Walnuts on it, instead of simply requesting Walnut 2000. And, believe it or not, to say "Is this the middle?" when the operator answered instead of "Central" was at one time considered screamingly funny.

ATCA Will Move to Abilene, Home of Independent Museum

The Antique Telephone Collectors Association will move its home office Jan. 1 from La Crosse, Kan., to Abilene, where it will share quarters with The Museum of Independent Telephony.

The move will bring together two of the strongest apostles of the history of the telephone industry. The ATCA is an organization of private collectors, while the museum is maintained by United Telecommunications Inc. of Kansas City. Both are dedicated to preserving the heritage of telephony.

The ATCA was founded in 1971. Its two dedicated staff members, Barbara Grass and Clarence Smith, decided this year to retire after 10 years of service. Their retirements loosened the organization's ties to La Crosse, and the ATCA Board of Directors decided at a special meeting June 29 to move the office to Abilene.

At the same time, the board decided to hold the ATCA's 1982 Spring Show in Abilene the first weekend after Easter. The decision came in response to an invitation from Peg Chronister, curator of The Museum of Independent Telephony.

Mrs. Chronister said that she was delighted to have the ATCA move to Abilene.

"The ATCA board felt that since they could not have a museum, it would be appropriate that the association become loosely affiliated with another museum," she said in a letter to ITPA.

"Since both of our organizations are dedicated to preserving the history of the telephone industry, it was natural for the ATCA to make its move to Abilene."

The Museum of Independent Telephony is located across the street from the Eisenhower Memorial, a well-known tourist attraction.

Al Farmer, ATCA board chairman, said that the ATCA would hire a part-time staff in Abilene later this year. "Clarence (Smith) has pledged to work with us to assure a smooth changeover," Mr. Farmer said.

Making the Most of Retirement Years

By Margaret Murphy

(Editor's Note: This article is the last in a four-part series reprinted with permission from INTERCOM, Mid-Continent Telephone Corporation's inhouse publication.)

At the age of 88, Michaelangelo designed the church of Santa Maria Degli Angeli. At the age 82, Winston Churchill wrote his four-volume work, "A History of the English Speaking People." At the age of 80, George Burns won his first academy award.

Each of these individuals proves that age 65 is not the end of an active and fulfilling life. Instead, it's the beginning of a new and rewarding lifestyle for those who plan ahead.

Retirement approached from a positive perspective is based on the concept that people retire to a new way of living rather than from their present way of life.

Nelson Pike, retirement planning instructor for the Mayfield adult education program, calls a planned retirement a "time of reward, when individuals who have worked hard all their lives can finally sit back and enjoy what they've earned."

Leisure time can be one of retirement's greatest rewards. Yet, many retirees feel guilty because they are no longer required to "do something useful." But when you become the "boss" of your own time, it's up to you to find uses for that time that are meaningful to you.

Unfortunately, time can not only be a retiree's best friend but also his worst enemy, depending on whether or not the individual planned on how to use time to its fullest capacity. Your goal is not merely to fill your time. But rather to plan to use it in a meaningful way.

In preparing for retirement you should seek a mix of specific interests and activities that fit your personality and tastes. In general, choose hobbies and recreation that have continuity so you can build on them. Make sure they are varied enough to avoid boredom and give you a sense of achievement. In addition, find activities that provide as much contact with people as possible.

One study found that retirees with more education, social contacts and skills were more frequently active in voluntary, civic, church and other organizations.

Travel, of course, is one of the most popular leisure activities. It opens new horizons, stimulates other interests and continues to reward you with memories.

Part-time work can also add meaning to the life of a retiree. What you do is of more importance than whether your activity is paid or voluntary. Retirees who are active in volunteer work have pointed out that their satisfaction lies in the evidence that they are still needed.

Making the Most of Life

Although some retirees decide their time can be better spent in another location, it's a fallacy to think that most pull up stakes and head for the greener side of the mountain.

In fact, only one retiree in 20 decides to move permanently to a new home in another state. Most people stay put or remain in the same general area. Family and friends are the major factors in their decisions.

If you are considering relocation, it's a good idea to consider carefully how your choice might affect your way of life. As a rule, don't make a hasty decision. Take time to examine the pros and cons of moving or staying where you are. Be sure that you know what life will be like in any prospective locale. If you decide to move, it is highly desirable to test the prospective area before you pull up roots. Some retirees live in a community several months before deciding whether or not to settle there.

From a financial standpoint, it could be advantageous to move. Typically, there are no federal income tax drawbacks to the sale of a residence after age 65, and living costs are significantly lower in many smaller communities in certain parts of the country. Some of the things you should look for when considering a retirement community are: location, climate, cost of living, shopping, social activities, transportation and prospects for employment.

Adjustment Is the Key

In any event, retirees must learn that retirement is a big adjustment. A person's career responsibilities before retirement play a large part in shaping attitudes and daily habits. Although retirement brings more freedom, it will at the same time require certain adjustments in attitudes and relationships with others.

One thing that many retirees admit they failed to anticipate was the psychological shock of adjusting to a vastly different way of life, one in which some couples are together 24 hours a day for the very first time. "Probably the hardest adjustment in retirement is for a husband and wife to simply learn to live together," said Mr. Pike. Statistics show that alcoholism, divorce and suicide tend to increase among the retired.

There is no question that retirement can strain home life. For couples, the increased togetherness may call for adjustments in the attitudes and routines of both spouses. A lifetime's habits are not broken overnight.

Experts suggest that couples make all of their plans together to be sure that they understand each other's goals, attitudes and responsibilities. They should share work and responsibilities fairly, without being bound by the conventional "his" and "her" labels when determining daily tasks. They should be prepared to accept changes in daily routines.

Couples need to develop new friendships and not make the mistake of leaning on former associates who may still be busy with jobs and careers. And they should avoid getting into a rut, at all costs. Retirees always need to have something to look forward to.

The myth that retirement leads to the old rocking chair can be disproved simply by looking around. In almost any locality we see older people leading active lives. In fact, most people now reaching age 60 or 70 are actually younger in terms of vitality and physical fitness than their parents or grandparents were at the same chronological age. Progress in medical science and a positive attitude account for most of this improvement, but you can't expect medical miracles to guarantee your fitness when you retire. Most medical authorities agree that you can influence your physical and mental health in a positive way by exercising, eating sensibly, discarding unhealthy habits and having medical checkups.

Not many years ago it was assumed that older people should become inactive and must withdraw to a large extent from normal life. Today it is known that individuals who plan to stay active and who follow fairly simple health rules can expect to live longer and enjoy life more than ever before.

Mid-Continent Retirees Share Their Views

Intercom talked with several Mid-Continent Telephone Corporation retirees to find out how they've adjusted to their new retirement lives and how they've learned to occupy their time.

Emma Bell worked for Buckeye Telephone and Supply Company 28 years before retiring in 1972. She believes a positive attitude is the key to a successful retirement. "A positive frame of mind is a necessity," said Bell. "You must be willing to pick up where you left off and do as much as you possibly can." Ms. Bell has made the most of her time through part-time work, volunteer work, travel and community involvement. "Retirement is great! I now have the time to do all the things I dreamed of while working," she added.

After working 43 years for Mid-Penn, it's no wonder that Robert Stockdale's hardest adjustment was leaving fellow workers. He retired in 1979 as a plant manager for the South Penn district in Waynesburg. "But I'm learning to take it easy," said Mr. Stockdale. "Retirement has given me the time to cater to myself. I'm doing the things I enjoy, like golfing, fishing and relaxing."

Seymour Nolan is another Mid-Continent retiree who didn't have any trouble adjusting to retirement. "I really enjoyed working—that was my life. But I had so many things lined up to do that I counted the days until I could get out and be my own boss," he said. Mr. Nolan retired from Midstate Telephone Corporation in 1979 as an outside plant superintendent with 43 years of service. "I occupy my time with the home, garden, amateur radio and part-time work on electrical security systems out of my basement workshop," he explained. "It's a good feeling to really be on your own. There's no reason for retirees to sit around and twiddle their thumbs."

Spend a Day in Kansas!

If your vacation travels take you into Kansas, you might like to know about the memorial that has been built at Lindsborg (about 20 miles south of I-70) to John and Charles Erickson, who are among the "unsung heroes" in the early history of Automatic Electric Company. It is not a statue or a plaque; it is the little shed in which the two young men began their careers as inventors, on the family farm outside Lindsborg. The shed was moved into town a few years ago, and was equipped by members of the Erickson family, under the leadership of Charles Erickson of Park Ridge—son of John Erickson.

The Erickson Brothers (people generally thought of them together, since they did much of their work together) were hired by "The Strowger Automatic Telephone Exchange" in 1894, to develop the basic ideas of A.B. Strowger into a practical telephone system. Strowger had invented a switch that could handle 100 telephones, but no one at that time had any idea how such a switch could be used in a larger exchange. The Ericksons developed the system of "trunking" that made Strowger Automatic completely adaptable to systems of any size. And these two young men—still in their 20's—between them invented the telephone dial, the device that quickly became the symbol of automatic telephony. When you consider that every automatic telephone system that came along for the next 50 years or so was based on the use of the dial, then you realize what an important invention this was. And you see why Charles Erickson doesn't want it to be forgotten!

As farm boys, John and Charles Erickson had already shown their abilities as inventors, so their father helped them build a small shed that became their workshop. Here they worked on several interesting projects, including an automatic telephone system. It was through this work that they became associated with the young Strowger company. Thus that little shed has real importance in the history of Automatic Electric—and of Lindsborg, Kan.

It now stands in the McPherson County Outdoor Museum in Lindsborg—a complex of several buildings that have been gathered from various points in the county because of their historical significance. The workshop building has been changed but little; even the newspapers that covered the inner walls to keep out the wind have been preserved, by covering them with clear plastic. And on the walls and in display cases about the room you can see the story of the Erickson Brothers and some of their contributions to communications in their time.

There are photos of the several switches they designed on their way to the final design (which was, of course, the step-by-step switch with which we are all so familiar). And there are photos and descriptive copy on their other developments—lineswitches, telephone instruments, coin-collectors, etc. John Erickson earned 115 patents before retiring in 1935; he died in 1943. Charles won 35 patents, retired in 1935, and died in 1954. Both received the T.G. Martin Award—John in 1936 and Charles in 1938.

Visit the museum in Lindsborg and you'll have a better idea of the tremendous influence these two brothers had on the development of today's communications.

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Angina Pectoris...An Update

by A.S. Verdesca, M.D.

Until recently, angina pectoris as a sign of serious heart trouble seemed to be becoming the disease of the last half of the twentieth century. Luckily, for all concerned, the past years have seen a decrease in the nationwide epidemic of heart attacks. Whether it be the move toward less smoking, greater monitoring of blood pressures, or better eating habits, cardiovascular disease as manifested by angina pectoris and, eventually, myocardial infarction (or "coronary thrombosis" as it's also called) has begun to be less of a problem for Americans.

The disease, however, is far from gone. There still is a fair amount of confusion as to just what angina pectoris really is. Angina pectoris means discomfort in the chest and nearby areas; as used medically and popularly, it means pain in the chest caused by a narrowing of one or more of the three main blood vessels that supply the heart muscle with oxygen.

An angina diagnosis usually "speaks for itself" due to four factors: where the pain or discomfort occurs, the nature of the symptoms, the duration of the symptoms and its relation to exertion.

Contrary to popular belief, angina pectoris does not occur in the left side of the chest. The typical site is in the middle or the upper part of the breast bone. In severe cases, it can spill over to nearby areas, such as the lower part of the breast bone, the left side of chest, the left arm, the neck, the lower jaw, even the teeth. Of course, it can go into the right side of the chest; sometimes it can even be felt in the back, but these are less usual. While possible, it's uncommon for the symptoms to be present in the just listed areas of radiation and not be present primarily in the breast bone area. Thus, first the breast bone, and then—but not always—elsewhere.

The discomfort of angina pectoris can range from very mild to so severe that the suspicion must be raised that a true heart attack is occurring. Some people do not even call it a pain. They say it is a heaviness or a tightness in the chest. Others say it is like a fist or a vise squeezing the chest contents. If it radiates to the fingers, there is often numbness or tingling there; if to the neck, it could feel like choking; if to the jaw, it could feel like a tooth ache. A hallmark of true angina is that the pain can be alleviated or removed by slowing down or stopping one's activity.

Attacks are not long lasting, most of them averaging 2-3 minutes in duration. They are rarely shorter; and, very rarely, longer than 15 minutes or so.

Physical exertion is usually described as the inciting factor, although there can be many others. Extreme emotion and tension such as anger or anxiety and sometimes a very large meal can provoke attacks. Drinking very cold liquids is sometimes blamed. A quite common cause is exposure to a cold wind blowing against the chest.

Books have been written about this condition and its treatment. Obviously, only some of the picture can be hinted at here. The treatment of angina pectoris has been revolutionized in the past ten years or so; but that is a full subject in itself.

If you would like more information on angina the American Heart Association has a booklet entitled "Living with Angina." If you would like a copy consult your local office of the American Heart Association.

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Edna's Monkey Bread

3 cans Pillsbury biscuits (10 to a can). Cut in ¼s.
½ cup sugar
2 tsps. cinnamon
1 stick margarine
2/3 cup brown sugar
¾ cup pecan pieces

Dip biscuit quarters in sugar and cinnamon mixture. Arrange in layers in bundt pan or pyrex dish. Sprinkle each layer of biscuits with pecan pieces. Melt margarine and brown sugar. Pour over biscuits. Bake in 350° oven 20 to 25 minutes. Cool 10 min. before inverting onto dish.

Jerry's Spaghetti Salad

1 9 oz. package of thin spaghetti broken into thirds
3 hard boiled eggs
2 stalks celery—chopped
3 tbs. parmesan cheese
few sprigs of parsley—chopped
1 cup mayonnaise or salad dressing
1 tbs. Tarragon vinegar (no substitutes)
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
2 spring onions—chopped
1 tsp. salt
dash pepper
2 sweet pickles—chopped, or 2 tsps. sweet pickle relish

Cook spaghetti in boiling salted water until tender. Drain and cool. Cut eggs in chunks. Mix spaghetti, eggs, celery and cheese together gently.

In separate bowl mix: mayo, salt, pepper, vinegar, Worcestershire sauce, pickles, parsley and onions.

Pour over spaghetti mixture and blend gently. Serves 6-8.

Tasty Lemon Squares

Crust:
1 cup butter
1/2 cup conf. sugar
2 cups flour
pinch of salt

Topping:
4 eggs
1 1/2 cups sugar
6 T flour
6 T fresh lemon juice
1 T lemon rind

1. Combine flour, butter, salt & sugar. Blend till crumbly & pour into 10 x 15 jelly roll pan.
2. Bake 350° for 20 min.
3. Beat eggs slightly & stir in rest of ingredients & spread over crust. Bake 15 min. more.
4. Cut into squares & when cool sprinkle with conf. sugar.

PhoneFacts '81 Stresses Growth, Stability of Independent Industry

The 1981 edition of PhoneFacts stresses the continuing growth of the Independent telephone industry and its role as a relatively stable factor in the nation's changing economy.

"PhoneFacts '81," as in the past, is designed to help the Independent telephone industry in its marketing effort. The centerfold features equipment and services available from your company.

The booklet, among its various projections for the year ahead, forecasts plans for the Independent companies to spend a record $4.5 billion for new equipment, an increase of 6 percent over 1980.

Other highlights forecast for 1981 include: plant investment $39 billion, an increase of 11 percent; operating revenues $12 billion, an increase of 16 percent; and number of telephones 36 million, an increase of 4 percent.

"PhoneFacts '81" points out that telephone rates have countered inflation, increasing only one fifth as much as overall prices since 1960. And it shows how the telephone industry continues to expand and improve its services, in good times and bad, because the telephone business resists inflation and recession better than most.

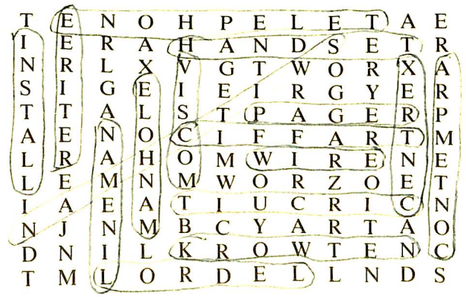
This year's edition of PhoneFacts, for the first time, lists the largest 100 Independent telephone companies, with operating revenues and telephones for each company. Previous editions listed only the 25 largest companies. The booklet is produced annually by USITA's Public Relations Department.

Sample copies and an order form with price information are available from ITPA's Washington office.

Test Your Telephone Terms

Can you find the following telephone terms in the puzzle:

1. Lineman
2. Install
3. Network
4. Telephone
5. Retiree
6. Switchman
7. LORDEL
8. Wire
9. Pager
10. Handset
11. Vis-Com
12. Traffic
13. Circuit
14. Centrex
15. Manhole
16. Contempra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FOR YOUR FUNNY BONE

Anyone who thinks inflation isn't a problem, ought to have his wallet examined.

Inflation is like a 60¢ OFF coupon for the dollar.

There are two ways to avoid the harm done to your feet by running. One is to buy a special pair of shoes for $79. The other is to buy an ordinary chair for $29.

Everything is so rushed, there's no longer the chance to enjoy the more cultural aspects of life. I mean, if it weren't for being put on hold, I wouldn't hear any good music at all.

"Tradition" is the name given to the revered, hallowed, time-honored and staunchly-defended way of doing things that keeps us from doing them better.

People really do go out of their way to be kind. I had such a lousy vacation, the drugstore gave me somebody else's pictures.

You know what's wrong with taking a vacation with one spouse, two kids and three suitcases? What gets lost are the suitcases.

I haven't been feeling well. I think I'm suffering from the 24 hour news.

Our son has reached that in-between stage of life. We can't quite decide if he's a late bloomer or an early retiree.

In all fairness, my son has become involved in the self-help fad. As of this morning, he's helped himself to my car, my shirts and my tennis racket.

Kids no longer play Post Office. They play UPS—it's faster.

Kids today are so much more sophisticated than we were. When I was a kid I was really naive. For instance, every time I played doctor with the girl next door—I was a podiatrist.

Jelly beans have created an interesting problem for the White House personnel department. They can't hire liberals, Democrats or diabetics.

Anyone who says money can't buy happiness, money can't buy love, money can't buy security—has to be ordering from the world's worst catalog.

The first thing to go on baseball players is their legs. It's from all that kicking they do about contracts.

I was never good in school sports. You know how some people get a letter? I got an apostrophe.

And we're living in a time of rapidly changing values. For lunch I went into a restaurant that had a sign saying: WATCH YOUR HAT AND COAT. So I watched my hat and coat—and somebody stole my peanut butter sandwich.

My family's idea of exercise is to shop faster.

Statistics are fascinating. I just read that the parents of a typical college student are 46—going on welfare.

It's kinda hard to describe the floor of our son's room. You don't clean it. You weed it.

They say that old age is all in your head—as anyone with bifocals, a hearing aid and dentures already knows.

Your Chapter and Club Reports

Nebraska Pioneers Donate Strowger Unit To Museum of Independent Telephony

A telephone museum that gives children the "feel" as well as the look of old telephone equipment has been given another important and educational exhibit.

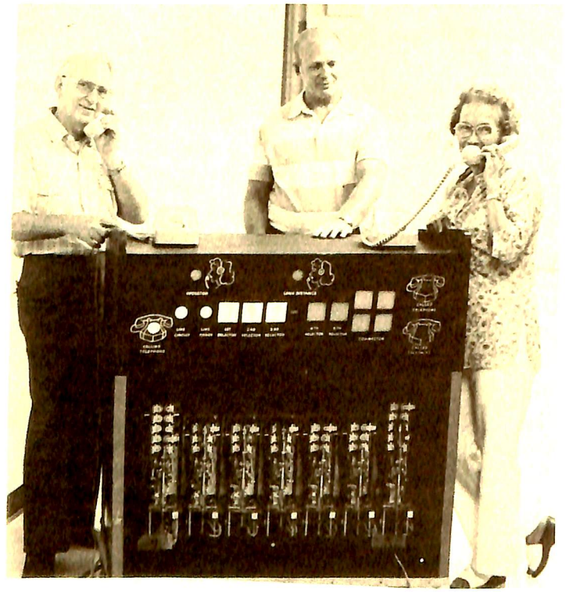
It's a Strowger Step-By-Step Demonstration Unit. "The demonstrator unit shows the progress of a call from one phone to another, simulating a telephone call," explains **Wayne Berkland**, immediate past president of the Frank H. Woods Telephone Pioneer Chapter in Lincoln, Neb.

The Frank H. Woods Pioneers donated the unit to The Museum of Independent Telephony in Abilene, Kan. The demonstrator unit was manufactured by Automatic Electric of Chicago, and had been donated by Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company to the Pioneers, who in turn gave it to the museum.

The presentation was made by Messrs. Berkland and **Al Farmer** of the Frank H. Woods Chapter.

Peg Chronister, museum curator, said that the museum regularly hosts tours by school children, who are encouraged to play with the old telephone equipment, pretending to use it. Mr. Farmer said that the Strowger unit will fit this concept well. "The children will be able to dial and answer the phone as they watch the switches operate and follow the progress with associated lights for direct distance dialing access," he said.

Mrs. Chronister explained that Strowger, an early supplier to Independent telephone companies, developed the dial system. Mr. Farmer said that the unit donated to the museum "is representative of the Strowger type of equipment that was used in the early 1900s."



Wayne Berkland and Peg Chronister try out the Strowger Step-By-Step Demonstration Unit as Al Farmer watches. Messrs. Berkland and Farmer are with the Frank H. Woods Chapter, which donated the unit to The Museum of Independent Telephony, of which Mrs. Chronister is curator.

Check Presented for Florida Museum

Mrs. W. L. Parker Sr. (center), president of the Maitland (Fla.) Historical Society, receives $5,000 check contributed by the Independent Telephone Historical Museum and Hall of Fame Foundation to help finance an addition to the Society's W. Packwood Avenue museum building. Presenting the check on the right is Leland C. Jacobs, president of Carl Hill Galloway Pioneer Club. An additional $5,000 will be provided by the foundation within six months upon satisfactory progress report on the project, which will house historical telephone equipment and memorabilia from the Winter Park area. The Galloway Club board of directors approved setting aside $2,000 in additional funds for the construction. Also in the photo from the left are Mrs. Edward T. Winn, secretary of the Maitland Historical Society; member Charles T. Perry; and Russell P. Hulbert, a society member and a trustee of the ITPA Hall of Fame Foundation. The project is one of four currently being funded by the foundation and reported in the July issue of The PIONEER.

New Washing Machine Aids Camp Courage for Handicapped

This was the problem: The old washing machine at Camp Courage had "bitten the dust."

Here was the solution: ITPA's Viking Club of Michigan gave them a new one.

According to Club President **Bob Clayton**, "the camp already had enough canoes, games and other glamorous items given by other organizations. But what they really needed was an ordinary washing machine."

And after touring the camp he could see why. "They had other washers," said Mr. Clayton, "but even when one broke down, it threw their laundry work off schedule." On behalf of Pioneers who work for United

Viking Pioneer Club President Bob Clayton (L) examines new washing machine with Roger Upgraff, assistant director of Camp Courage.

Telephone Company of Minnesota, Mr. Clayton presented the machine to **Roger Upgraff**, assistant camp director. Mr. Upgraff said the washer will probably be used 10 hours a day all summer long.

Camp Courage is a year round facility for handicapped children. During the summer it has about 150 camp counselors and 300 children.

The washing machine is one of several service projects planned by the Viking Pioneers. They are also purchasing a special device for the hearing impaired that will turn the lights off and on whenever the telephone rings.

Bill Hinkston Pioneers Entertain At Nursing Homes, Plan 'Pig Roast'

The Bill Hinkston Pioneer Club of Illinois was busy planning a "Pig Roast" set for Aug. 1 at the Shabbona Forest Preserve as this issue of The PIONEER went to press. Children 16 and younger, as well as retirees, were invited free with others charged $3.

The Club's June newsletter also reported several programs sponsored at nursing homes. A St. Patrick's Day party was held at White Pines Manor, with **Mary Conway** and **Mina Clemmons** singing Irish songs and eight other Pioneers assisting with refreshments.

Patients at Rochelle Manor and Family Tree Nursing Home were entertained with a slide presentation on Norway by **Mr.** and **Mrs. John Beardsley** and **Mrs. Joel Downey.** Both homes use craft materials donated by the Clubs in their activity rooms.

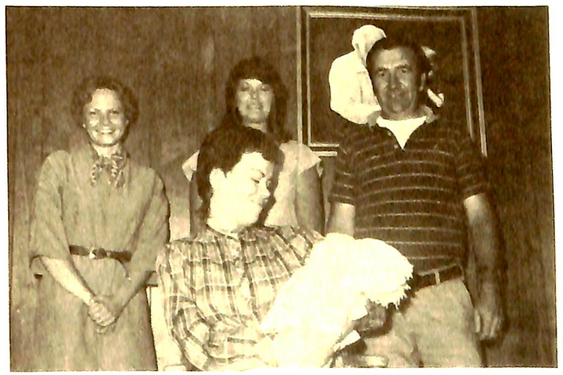
H. M. Stewart Sr. Pioneers Observe Nursing Home Week

The H. M. Stewart Sr. Pioneer Club of Georgia observed National Nursing Home Week by visiting the seven homes served by Standard Telephone Company, Cornelia, Ga. A book of poems was presented to each of the homes.

Jan Hames and **Carol Pardue** presented a musical program at the Baldwin Scenic Home and the Habersham Home on behalf of the Club. Pioneers participating were President **Terri Johnson, Clint White, Doris Stephens, Fred** and **Elaine Holbrooks** and **Troy Ward.**

The Bruce Williams Future Pioneer Club purchased a wheelchair to be used by **Susie Miller**, a patient at Shirley's Convalescent Home in Dahlonega, Ga. Susie is the daughter of Standard Telephone Company employee **Jean Miller.**

From the left, H. M. Stewart Sr. Pioneer Club Vice President Troy Ward, Director Clinton White, President Terri Johnson and Community Service Chairman Doris Stephens make plans to observe National Nursing Home Week.



Future Pioneers standing (L to R): Sandra Hayslett, secretary; Veronica Dyer, Treasurer; and Truit Helton, president. Seated is Susie Miller.

Empire State Chapter Enjoys A Decade of Scholarships

The Empire State Chapter completed a decade of college scholarships by presenting two $500 awards at the "Eye Opener Breakfast" at the New York State Telephone Association convention at the Concord Hotel in the Catskill Mountains on June 8.

This scholarship program was started in 1971 with one award of $300. The Chapter members were well pleased and enlarged the program through the decade. In 1972 the program was increased to two awards each year. In 1978 the awards were increased from $300 to $500. Since 1971 the Chapter has made 21 awards totaling $7,900.

One of the awards this year went to **Kimberly Brownell**, daughter of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Bruce C. Walters** of East Bloomfield, N.Y. Kimberly plans to attend Community College of the Finger Lakes in Canadaigua, N.Y. **Steven Kilburn**, recipient of the other scholarship and son of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Kenneth Kilburn** of Skaneateles, N.Y., will enroll at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

Arden Berndt (center) of Fredonia, N.Y., outgoing president of the Empire State Chapter, with scholarship winners Steven Kilburn and Kimberly Brownell.

Pioneering awards were presented to **Raymond Nelson** of Continental Telephone in Morrisville, N.Y., and **Peter Van Kampen**, executive vice president of the New York State Telephone Association, Albany.

At a board meeting in June, the Empire State Chapter elected new officers for the coming year. They are: President, **John R. Coughlin**; First Vice President, **Ann Fogg**; Second Vice President, **Alby Willis**; and Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Van Kampen.

1971 Award to Barbara Stanton

The first Empire State Chapter winner was **Barbara Stanton**, daughter of **Mr.** and **Mrs. George H. Stanton** of Fulton, N.Y. Barbara had completed two years at State University of New York at Oswego, N.Y., at the time she received the award. Her achievements since graduation prove she was a very deserving winner.

After Barbara graduated from college, she taught school in the Fulton School District and received her permanent teaching certificate in five years. She is active in the Fulton Teachers Association and Central New York Teachers Association. She took continuing education in reading skills and school law. Now she plans to get her Masters Degree. Her school principal appraises her as a "very special teacher."

Barbara conducts a drug and alcohol program in her sixth grade classes. The program is not required but she has a deep feeling of responsibility to prepare her students for handling one of the most serious problems of our day.

Barbara is active in her church and church choir. She has traveled extensively in the continental U.S., England, Bahamas and Hawaii. She enjoys many hobbies, including plant culture, silk flowers, latch hooking, aerobic dancing and tennis. On Oct. 11, 1980, she married **Charles D. Hubbard.**

Benjamin M. Witmer presenting 1971 scholarship to Barbara Stanton.

This success story is a great testimonial for the Empire State Chapter and demonstrates how a Pioneer program of this nature can be very helpful in many ways to the individuals, our industry and the society in which we live.

Submitted by Benjamin M. Witmer
ITPA Region I Vice President

San Joaquin Club Helps Old, Young

The San Joaquin Club of Reedley, Calif., presented flowers recently to **Lois Buck**, who was celebrating her 105th birthday at a convalescent home. "You remembered again!" Mrs. Buck responded.

Club members do not limit their generosity to the older generation. They plan to take a group of children, 5 to 10 years old, to the Ringling Brothers circus Sept. 13. Members were asked to submit names of children who otherwise could not go to the circus, with board members making the final selection.

On the social side, the San Joaquin Club held a luau recently that attracted 84 people. **Dick Berger** and **Dutch Driedger** roasted a pig, and **Mick Brunswick** prepared smoked salmon and yellow tail.

Heart of Texas Pioneer Club Installs Officers at Meeting

The Heart of Texas Telephone Pioneer Club installed new officers for the coming year during a meeting at GTE's Western Area headquarters in Brownwood on June 18.

After a potluck dinner, more than 30 Club members watched **W. C. Wells**, General Telephone's area vice president-general manager, induct **E. H. Utzman** as Club president for 1981-82. Mr. Utzman retired from the company in 1973 after serving in various management positions since 1933.

Other officers installed were: First Vice President, **Bill Drennan**; Second Vice President, **W. R. Cornelius**; Third Vice President, **Clifford Guess**; and Secretary-Treasurer, **Randall Brewer.**

New members of the Club's Board of Directors are **Marvin DeHay**, **Virginia Briggs** and **Doris Garvin**. Board

Club officers pass gavel (L to R): outgoing President Bill Lynn, W. C. Wells of GTE, First Vice President Bill Drennan, incoming President E. H. Utzman, and Secretary-Treasurer Randall Brewer.

members still serving terms are **Boyd Moore**, **Charles Johnson**, **E. O. Cambern**, **Bill Lynn**, **E. H. Utzman** and **Ann Gover.**

The Club has several projects each year, one of which is awarding two scholarships to children of telephone employees. This particular project has been a big success for several years and is financed through a "flea market." Incoming President Utzman said one of the Club's goals is to increase attendance and membership this coming year.

Santa Monica Bay Club Helps Day Care Center for Elderly

At their June dinner, 51 members of the Santa Monica Bay Club heard **Rebecca Barkin**, program director of the Olive Stone Center, tell about day care for the elderly. This senior day activity center is a non-hospital, community-based center that provides rehabilitative support and a stimulating environment for the older adult who is socially isolated due to minor physical or mental disabilities. Due to a limited budget, they can take care of only 27-30 people a week. They hope, as more people become interested in supporting their work, to help those on a long waiting list.

Those attending receive a hot meal prepared by Saint John's Hospital, as well as a sandwich and fruit to take home for their evening meal. They also are taught nonstressful exercises to help keep their bodies more limber, as well as crafts and games, but most of all they have the joy of being with others.

Ms. Barkin said there are similar centers in other cities and all of them probably could use volunteers for transportation, clerical work and activities, and of course they can all use more money.

These day care centers will enable more elderly people to remain in their own homes, rather than being forced into nursing homes because they get so mentally depressed from lack of companionship.

The Santa Monica Club donated $75 to the Olive Stone Center. The General Telephone Company helped pay for the printing of "Stories in Our Lives," a booklet of interesting incidents in the lives of the people who attend the center as told by themselves.

The Olive Stone Center address for anyone wishing to help is 1440 Harvard, Santa Monica, Calif. 90404; phone (213) 829-5088.

Flea Market Raises Money

The James T. Maguire Sr. Pioneer Club of Bakersfield, Calif., raised $592 from a flea market held on May 16.

Besides all the unusual items often found at flea markets, the project included sale of soft drinks, coffee, doughnuts and popcorn by the Future Pioneers.

The money is being put to good use. The Special Education Group of Kern County Schools needed a custom-built, three-wheel bicycle for orthopedically handicapped children. It cost $500, and the children and their parents had raised $282 by collecting and selling aluminum cans. The Pioneers donated the balance of $218, and the bicycle was delivered to the school June 2, much to the excitement of the children.

The Pioneers also are looking into the cost of brightening up a drab physical therapy room used by the orthopedically handicapped children. "We have recently met with upholsterers, carpet company representatives, and school officials to determine what we can do and the cost," the James T. Maguire Sr. Club said in its recent newsletter.

Floridians Hold River Run

The Otto Wettstein Jr. Club of Leesburg, Fla., held its fourth River Run July 26 on the Rainbow River near Rainbow Springs, Fla.

Members brought their own innertubes and rafts, and floated down the beautiful river, viewing water plants, fish and turtles through the exceptionally clear water.

The first year's River Run was held in October with only five Pioneers attending and only two people braving the chilly water. Last year the River Run was held in June, when 50 people attended and floated.

Most of those attending the Run on July 26 of this year joined in the float.

South Central Pennsylvania Chapter Elects Officers at Recent Banquet

ITPA's South Central Pennsylvania Club recently held its annual banquet and election of officers at the Holiday Inn in Chambersburg. Master of ceremonies was **Frank Shatzer**, who introduced special guest speaker **Murray Kauffman**, local historian who reported on Indians who were in the local area. He also showed some of his log carvings of Indians. A special certificate was presented to the Community Service Committee by the South Mountain Restoration Center for the services given to them in the past year.

William Walker, Keystone State Chapter director from Carlisle, Pa., installed the new officers, pictured in the accompanying photo left to right: **Harold Leister**, treasurer; **John Smith**, vice president; **Frances Helm**, secretary; **Ralph Stouffer**, president; and special guest **Benjamin Witmer**, regional vice president from Camp Hill, Pa.

J. K. Johnston Chapter Holds Annual Membership Meeting

The annual membership meeting of the J. K. Johnston Chapter was held immediately following the Pioneer luncheon at the Indiana Telephone Association convention at French Lick June 8.

During the buffet luncheon Chapter President **Joe D. Lumm** introduced **George Pickett**, executive vice president of USITA, and **Vic Ritter**, past president of ITPA. Mr. Lumm then introduced **Ben R. Miller**, New Richmond, Ind., current second vice president of ITPA, to address the group regarding Pioneer work nationwide.

Reelected for three-year-terms as directors were **Madeline Fletchall, Arthur A. Kolash** and **Gerald Higbee.** Officers elected for the next year are President, Mr. Lumm; Vice President, **Ed Triggs**; and Secretary-Treasurer, **Carol J. Bridge.**

It was reported that one communication device for the deaf was purchased and was to be installed in the Decatur, Ind., area in early July. During the Sunday night suppliers Monte Carlo party at the convention, the Pioneers sold "chips" and earned $101 for their treasury.

The fall membership meeting will be Sept. 26 at Monticello. The Madame Carroll has been chartered for a lake cruise and dinner will be served aboard the boat. Musical entertainment will be provided by the Golden Throats of Twin Lakes High School, Monticello.

Five Organizations Aid Deaf in Pa.

Five separate organizations joined in an effort to enable deaf persons to communicate by telephone. The Commonwealth Telephone Company of Dallas, Pa., through their NEAREA Telephone Pioneer Club, donated a truckload of obsolete teletypewriter (TTY) equipment to the greater Wilkes-Barre Council of the Telephone Pioneers of America. This group of active and retired Bell System employees will recondition and modify the equipment, after which it will be given to the Scranton School for the Deaf for use by their students. The Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania transported the equipment.

To use the equipment a deaf person in Scranton will dial a number to connect his TTY machine to another anywhere on the telephone dial network. After the connection is made, he will type his message on the keyboard and it will immediately be printed at the distant end where another deaf person can read it and type a reply.

Principals of the joint effort to enable the deaf to communicate by telephone are: Ann Niznik, vice president of the NEAREA Telephone Pioneer Club, flanked by Herb Crukshank (L) and Lloyd Gable (R), Community Service Committee chairmen, respectively, of the Bell and the Independent telephone Pioneer organizations. One of the donated TTY machines is in the foreground.

Florida Club Wants Your Recipes

Pioneers throughout the country are invited to submit recipes for inclusion in a cookbook to be published by the Otto Wettstein Jr. Pioneer Club of Leesburg, Fla.

Any recipe will be welcome, but a spokeswoman mentioned a particular need for creole dishes and dishes representative of different regions of the country.

Send your recipes to **Cathy Marynell**, President, Otto Wettstein Jr. Pioneer Club, Box 48, Leesburg, Fla. 32748. Deadline for submissions is Nov. 30.

ITPA's Mother Lode Club Busy With Charitable, Social Projects

ITPA's Mother Lode Club in California has been busy in recent months with charitable and social activities, the group's June newsletter reports.

Jane Campbell was given a Community Service Award on June 18 by the Placer Association for the Retarded "in recognition of devoted valuable service to our community" in behalf of the Pioneer Club.

Proceeds from a recent evening of bingo enabled the Club to again donate to the Retarded Center, which has ordered much needed bi-fold doors to provide space for an additional classroom.

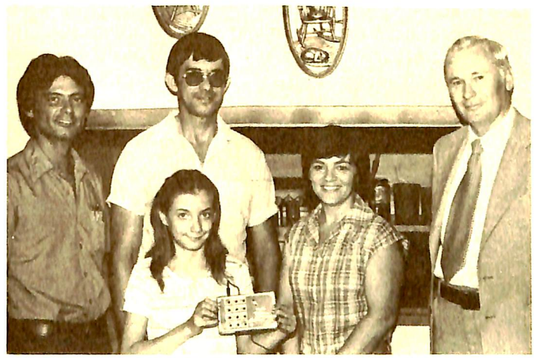
A Lake Tahoe "gamblers bus trip" was held May 9, with proceeds going toward building a chapel in the Roseville Community Hospital. Pioneers involved with making the trip a success included **Merry Lou Pratt, Gene Gilbertson, Helen Bettini** and **Bob Pratt**, in addition to Ms. Campbell.

The Club's fourth annual picnic at Bear Valley Picnic Grounds was scheduled for Aug. 22 as this issue of The PIONEER went to press.

Lumpkin Club Presents Vis-Com Units

The Iverson A. Lumpkin Pioneers recently presented two Vis-Com units, which enable deaf persons to receive messages from persons with push button telephones. One unit was given to **Missy Moran** of Mattoon, Ill. She has normal hearing but the unit will enable her to communicate with **Kim Adams**, a deaf friend.

In the photo below, **Paula Murbarger** holds the other unit donated by the Club. She has been deaf since birth and is the daughter of Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company employee **John Murbarger**. Standing behind her, from the left, are **Chuck Hall** of the company, **Mr.** and **Mrs. Murbarger**, and Pioneer Club representative **Bob Griffin.**



Second Annual Ohio Convention

The second annual convention of the Buckeye State Chapter of ITPA was held Aug. 8 at the Aqua Marine Lodge in Avon, Ohio.

The schedule called for a retirees' luncheon at noon, a business meeting at 2:30 p.m., cocktails at 5 p.m., and dinner at 6:30. At the business meeting, delegates discussed prospects for starting an ITPA Ohio Hall of Fame.

Bill Stark of Lorain and **Vic Ritter** of Avon Lake jointly chaired the committee in charge of the convention, with **Laura Meredith** of Sheffield Lake and **Dave Clark** of Lorain serving on the committee.

New officers of the Buckeye State Chapter are **Homer D. Sweasey** of New Philadelphia, president; **Bill Stark** of Lorain, first vice president; **Ben Pemberton** of Heath, second vice president; and **Bob Mackay** of Marion, secretary-treasurer. They were installed in office by Mr. Ritter, a director of the Chapter and a former national president of ITPA.

James Ogg, assistant vice president-rate planning of Central Telephone and Utilities Corporation, Chicago, was the featured speaker. He was introduced by **Milton Tomasek**, general manager of Lorain Telephone Company.

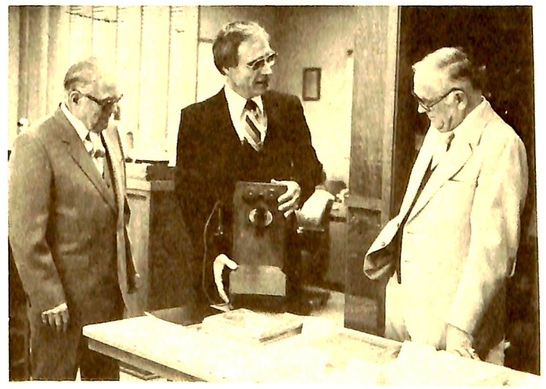
Phone Directories, Artifacts Given to Historians in Nebraska

Erman L. (Bud) Wheatcraft, a Pioneer and area manager in Superior, Neb., for the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company, presented a half-century's collection of telephone directories to the Nuckolls County Historical Society, in Superior.

The directories date back as far as 1927. Many of them were donated by **Herbert Atkins**, a retired printing supervisor for the Superior Express, a newspaper that formerly printed phone directories.

Frank F. Kubat, an ITPA Life Member and the retired Superior area manager for Lincoln Telephone, also contributed directories that he had collected.

Mr. Wheatcraft also presented the Society with a magneto wall phone from the early days of this century, and a history of the Lincoln Telephone Company, published in 1955 on the occasion of the company's 50th anniversary.



Both past and present Superior area managers were on hand to present the Nuckolls County Historical Society with artifacts spanning a half century of telephone history in the community. From left are: Frank Kubat, retired, Erman Wheatcraft, and Historical Society President Oran King, all of Superior.

Personal Notices

Indiana Pacesetter Award Goes to Ben R. Miller

Ben R. Miller of New Richmond, Ind., second vice president of ITPA, was honored recently as recipient of the third annual Pacesetter Award given by the Indiana Telephone Association.

Mr. Miller was presented the award at the association's 61st annual convention, held in French Lick, Ind. The award was presented by **George White**, first vice president of the association and chairman of the awards committee.

As a Pioneer, Mr. Miller is serving on the executive committee and the awards and activities committee of

From the left: Ben and Maxine Miller, their daughter Melinda, and Mr. Miller's parents, Frances and Russell.

the national organization, and is a past president of the J.K. Johnston Chapter. He is executive vice president of Tri-County Telephone Company, New Richmond.

In making the presentation, Mr. White noted Mr. Miller's past accomplishments and contributions to the telephone industry, and pointed out that he was continuing his leadership. "Just recently he blazed a trail for other telephone companies to follow by being one of the first in the country and the first in Indiana to receive an FCC waiver for a telephone-company owned cable TV system," Mr. White said. "He's setting a pace that many of us need to follow, that some of us are following, and a pace that needs to be recognized and rewarded."

Bernice and Edward Herold Retire From Day-to-Day Telephone Career

Bernice M. Herold, former third vice president of ITPA and currently a director of the national organization and the North Star Chapter, has retired from the day-to-day management of the Twin Valley-Ulen (Minn.) Telephone Company. Her husband, **Edward P. Herold**, also has retired from the company.

Mrs. Herold will continue as president and chairman, while Mr. Herold will continue as vice president. They plan to remain close to the business through board meetings, business travel and other functions.

Mrs. Herold is a charter member of the North Star Chapter. She served as its president for three years. Her career began 33 years ago as an operator with the Melrose (Minn.) Telephone Company.

Following the death of her first husband, **Carroll C. Arvig**, she married Mr. Herold in 1967.

Vernon J. Andring, former plant superintendent with the Twin Valley-Ulen company, has been promoted to general manager.

Pioneer Joseph Hartley Traces His Family's 'Roots' for Years

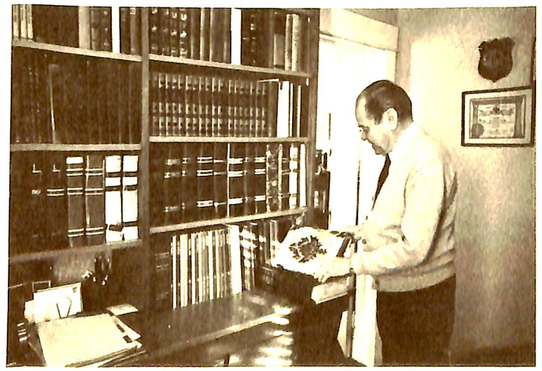
Long before the television program "Roots" made researching family origins popular, ITPA Life Member **Joseph H. Hartley** of Lincoln, Neb., began to research his own history. His efforts started in 1933 and in the process he has been very successful, becoming somewhat of an expert on family record-keeping.

Mr. Hartley, who is retired personnel supervisor for The Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company, was featured in the May/June 1981 issue of the company magazine.

He was orphaned at the age of seven, while his family was living in Illinois. His 19-year-old sister took the five children to Lincoln where relatives lived.

Mr. Hartley got interested in tracing his roots while visiting an uncle who had an old family Bible. His mother was a Quaker and this led him to excellent records kept by other family members. He keeps the material in binders and notebooks, with index tabs showing sections.

He favors using tape recorders and copying machines to collect family information. His advice is to let all family members know you want information. Then check state historical society libraries, family Bibles, census records and war records. At 81, Mr. Hartley continues to keep a daily journal that spans some 70 years.



Bound volumes of his journals and ledgers of family history dominate Mr. Hartley's well-stocked library shelves.

Pioneer Ralph Wait Dies, Three Others Retire in Lincoln

One Life Member of ITPA died and three other members retired recently from The Lincoln (Neb.) Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Ralph E. Wait died April 13 at the age of 83. He retired in 1963 after 37 years with the company. His career began in 1925 as an apprentice combinationman. He became manager at Osceola in 1951 and later moved to Stromsburg as area manager. He is survived by his wife, **Cassia.**

Retiring from the company were **J. C. "Cliff" Jensen, Darlene E. Remmers** and **Richard T. Wakeman.**

Mr. Jensen had 27 years of service, retiring April 28 as a combination technician. Mrs. Remmers started her career in 1940. She is a past president of ITPA's Frank H. Woods Chapter. She retired March 16, with her most recent position having been force management supervisor.

Mr. Wakeman concluded more than 30 years of service in March. He was engineering manager—preparations at that time.

Road Runner Frank Thiltges Dies

Pioneer **Frank Thiltges**, who recently retired from C&D Batteries, died on July 4 from a heart attack at the age of 69. Mr. and Mrs. Thiltges were in Florida looking for a place to purchase and move to from Pennsylvania.

His heart attack occurred during the night and he died in his sleep. Mr. Thiltges was a director of the Road Runners Chapter.

He began his career with Cook Electric Company in 1944 and joined C&D Batteries in 1956 as a sales manager in Chicago. He is survived by his wife, **Dorothy**, and two daughters.

Two Pioneers Retire in Illinois

Two Pioneers recently retired from General Telephone Company of Illinois.

Robert A. Reel, Olney division manager, retired May 31 after more than 35 years of service. He joined the company as a gang clerk and later became a cable splicer helper before holding commercial engineering positions. He held several managerial positions, including division manager at Mt. Carmel in 1958 and his most recent assignment since 1975.

Mardella L. Stokes, records clerk at Carmi, also retired May 31. She had been with the company 29 years, holding positions as operator, service assistant and acting assistant chief operator.

Rudolph Gorr Dies at 57

Pioneer **Rudolph H. Gorr**, 57, plant superintendent for the Winthrop (Minn.) Telephone Company, died April 25 at his home from cancer.

Born in St. Paul, Minn., Mr. Gorr began his career in 1943 and worked his entire telephone career, 38 years, with the Winthrop company. Mr. Gorr is survived by his wife, **Ruthie**, who is the service representative at the Winthrop Telephone Company; two sons, **Randy** of Long Prairie, Minn., and **Kurt** of Fergus Falls, Minn.; and a daughter, **Suzanne**, of Grants Pass, Ore. Three brothers, five sisters and six grandchildren also survive him.

Seven Pioneers in Illinois Honored for Community Service

Seven Pioneers employed by General Telephone Company of Illinois have been honored for community service. They each received the Walter G. Wright Community Service Award—a newly established presentation named after the former company president of the same name.

The recipients are **Mildred Ruth Anderson, Robert C. Boozer, Richard Bromley, Delbert L. Knowlton, Richard P. Miller, James C. Ring** and **Thomas L. Spencer.**

Their local activities improved their communities, improved their company's image and contributed to the individual's personal growth.

William D. Painter Honored

At a retirement dinner held at the Butler (Pa.) Holiday Inn on June 5, **Jay Upperman**, president of the Bunova Club, presented **William D. Painter** with an ITPA Life Membership certificate. **Dorothy Spithaler**, secretary and treasurer of the Bunova Club, presented a Life Member lapel pin to Mr. Painter.

He started his employment in the telephone industry in 1940 with Peoples Telephone Corporation, which was later bought by United Telephone Company.

Standing (L to R) are Life Member William D. Painter, Bunova Club President Jay Upperman and Secretary-Treasurer Dorothy Spithaler. Seated on the left is Bill Lutz, master of ceremonies at the dinner. On the right behind the podium is William E. Povlick, who handled dinner reservations.

Eileen Riordan Dies in Madison

Eileen Riordan, wife of ITPA Life Member **Ray Riordan**, died July 20 at her home in Madison, Wis. She had worked with her husband to enhance the work and cohesion of the Wisconsin State Telephone Association.

At the association's recent annual convention, Mrs. Riordan was honored with these words:

"To Eileen, whose life is made up, not only of great sacrifices and duties, but of many little things as well, in which smiles and kindness, given habitually, have won our hearts. Blessed is she who has the gift of making friends for it is one of God's greatest gifts."

Harris G. Allen Honored

Pioneer **Harris G. Allen**, chairman of North-West (Wis.) Telephone Company, has been honored as Citizen of the Year in his hometown of Milton, Wis. Sponsored by the Milton Kiwanis Club, the award is designed as "A Tribute to Outstanding Citizens Who Give of Themselves for the Benefit of Others." The Citizen of the Year Awards Dinner was June 22 with more than 300 persons in attendance.

This is the second honor for Mr. Allen in as many months. In May he and two others were the first persons to be inducted in the newly established Wisconsin State Telephone Association Hall of Fame. The hall is designed to honor members of the telephone industry who have made significant contributions to the progress and advancement of telephony in Wisconsin and to the Wisconsin State Telephone Association.

The two others similarly honored were the late **Walter Gallon**, former president of Antigo Telephone Company, and the late **Grant Rutenbeck**, a former assistant vice president of Wisconsin Telephone Company, Milwaukee.

Mr. Allen has been active in the telephone industry since 1945 when he joined North-West Telephone, which was founded by his father in 1925. He was named president on the death of his father and remained in that capacity until becoming chairman in 1980.

Hoyt L. Jordan Dies at Age 46

Pioneer **Hoyt L. Jordan** of Horry Telephone Cooperative, Conway, S.C., passed away July 11 following a long illness.

He began his telephone career with Southern Engineering Company in 1954 and worked with them until 1957. In 1959 he began working with Kentucky Telephone Company and worked there until 1962. His employment at Horry Telephone Cooperative began in 1963, and at the time of his death at age 46 he was commercial and public relations manager.

Mr. Jordan was very active in the telephone industry, church and civic affairs. He had served as vice president and secretary-treasurer of the Palmetto (S.C.) Chapter. He was instrumental in organizing the Grand Strand Pioneer Club, where he was a charter member and served on various committees.

He is survived by his wife, **Betty**, and three sons.

ITPA's Newest Life Members

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Life Members are those who have engaged in the telecommunications industry for a period of 40 years and who have been members of this association for not less than 15 years.

New Life Members recorded at Headquarters during June and July:

JUNE

Henry G. Laage	GTE Automatic Electric Pio. Club
William J. Thomas	GTE Automatic Electric Pio. Club
Charlton H. Phelps	J. K. Johnston Chapter
Jeanice Falls	Gus Lane Chapter
Charles N. Smith	Bunova Pioneer Club
Lawrence W. Mueller	Aubrey Wardman Pioneer Club
John R. Redman	Centel Carolina Pio. Club

JULY

Russell C. Tess	Sunshine Pioneer Club
Ruth M. Myers	Daniel S. Seitz Pio. Club
Lloyd C. Gable	NEAREA Pioneer Club
W. N. Averette	Carotel Pioneer Club
Hilda A. Daniel	Carotel Pioneer Club
Mattie H. Kilpatrick	Carotel Pioneer Club
Robert E. Lee	Carotel Pioneer Club
Robert L. O'Neal	Carotel Pioneer Club
L. E. Tuten	Carotel Pioneer Club
Frank Meierstein	Santa Monica Bay Pio. Club

Raymond Herrick Dies in W. Va.

Raymond W. Herrick, a Pioneer who worked for several firms within the telephone industry, died March 31 in Bridgeport, W.Va.

Mr. Herrick started his career in 1942 with Western Electric. He also worked for ITT, Reliable Communications, and was president of Telephone Data Products, Mundelein, Ill., before moving to West Virginia.

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